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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
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Dear Speaker Boehner,

I write today to request that you work with the House and Senate conferees to put together bipartisan compromise legislation that extends the payroll tax cut through the remaining months of 2012 and bring it to the House floor immediately. At a time when many families are struggling to pay their bills and put food on the table, extending this tax cut gives the average American family an additional \$80 per month.

It was an unacceptable testament to the constant gridlock in Washington that no long-term compromise was reached before the payroll tax cut was set to expire in December 2011. The two month extension was passed instead as a temporary fix until a broader agreement could be reached. Unfortunately, we are rapidly approaching the deadline for this agreement, after which every working family in the country—160 million Americans—will get a tax hike. There are only 10 full days of legislative session left before this critical tax cut expires again.

We cannot continue with these short-term fixes and we cannot once again let negotiations carry on into the 11th hour, putting American families at risk. Iowa families and small businesses need the certainty of a long-term extension to the payroll tax cut, and working families should have to worry that their livelihood is on the line while Washington lawmakers procrastinate and play political games.

Sincerely,



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